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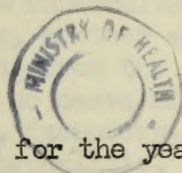
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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1961

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Mr Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,



My report for the year 1961 is as follows.

Population - The population of the Urban District of Knighton, as estimated by the Registrar-General at 30th June 1961, was 1800.

Schedule of Premises

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>
Dwelling Houses and Flats	556
Shops assessed with private dwelling accommodation	37
Other Shops (including Banks in Shopping Areas) and Cafes	33
Offices (including Banks in Office Areas)	11
Hotels and Boarding Houses	2
Caravan Sites	1
Warehouses, Stores and Workshops (Non-Industrial)	29
Garages (Commercial), Petrol Filling Stations, Car Parks	8
Lock-up Garages (separately assessed)	9
Markets	1
Public Houses (excluding Residential Hotels)	7
Factories and Workshops	7
Cinemas	1
Social Clubs, Community Centres and Public Halls	4
Other Places of Entertainment	1
Public Libraries	1
Schools	2
Hospitals	1
Old People's Hostels	1
Town Halls and Municipal Offices	2
Public Utility Undertakings	5
Total	<u>719</u>

Vital Statistics

Live Births - Males 11, Females 10, Total 21. Rate 11.4 per 1,000 population as adjusted by comparability factor 1.01.

Illegitimate Live Births - 0. Stillbirths - 0. Live & Still Births - 21.

Infant Deaths (deaths under one year) - 0.

Infant Mortality Rates -

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births 0.
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births 0.
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births 0.

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) - 0.

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) - 0.

Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) - 0.

Maternal Mortality (including abortion) - 0 deaths. Rate per 1,000 total live and still births - 0.

Deaths (excluding infant mortality) - Males 15, Females 10, Total 25 (excludes outward and includes inward transfers).

Death Rate - 9.9 per 1,000 population as adjusted by comparability factor 0.73.

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	9
Cancer (all forms)	0	3
Diseases of Heart and Circulatory System	10	7
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	2	0
Others	3	0
Totals	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>

Infectious and Other Notifiable Diseases - Tuberculosis: Males 1, Females 1 (The persons suffering from tuberculosis, brother and sister, came from Salop where they were notified as suffering from the disease in 1951). Measles: Males 4, Females 3. There were no cases of scarlet fever, whooping cough, acute poliomyelitis, diphtheria, dysentery, meningococcal infection, acute pneumonia, smallpox, acute encephalitis, enteric or typhoid fever, paratyphoid fevers, erysipelas, food poisoning, puerperal pyrexia, ophthalmia neonatorum, anthrax.

There were 5 cases of chicken pox (2 male, 3 female) and 12 cases of German measles (4 males, 8 females).

The Public Health (Leprosy) Regulations, 1951 - No action needed.

Mental Health Services - Administered by the Radnorshire County Council.

Home Health Services and Old Peoples' Welfare - The home health services are administered by the Radnorshire County Council.

Chiropody - A fortnightly service is given to persons over sixty years old. This is paid for by the County of Radnor Old Peoples' Committee, but the Knighton Old Peoples' Welfare Committee (formed October, 1954 under the chairmanship of Mrs C.H. Medlicott) organises a yearly Flag Day to help meet the cost. Six patients attend fortnightly.

The Knighton Old Peoples' Welfare Club has 120 members, tea and entertainment being provided for 70 to 80 weekly. A yearly outing to the seaside, with meals provided, is given to some 70 members. Weekly visits are made to infirm and invalid old folk by a rota of committee members. About £40 yearly is expended on flowers, fruit and gifts to hospital patients, and a rota of visitors from each denomination attend weekly. There is an annual party for members, gifts being sent to those unable to be present. All the old folk receive flowers on their birthdays, those over eighty being presented with iced cakes. A sale of work is organised yearly when goods made by the old folk are sold, the proceeds going to the above mentioned benefits.

Water Supply - (1) (a) The seven chemical analyses taken confirm that the water was of good organic purity. (b) The consultants' scheme for improving water pressure in the higher areas was in preparation. There was no shortage of water except in isolated instances where lack of pressure was the cause. Two such complaints were removed when the owners renewed their services. (2) Twelve bacteriological examinations were made of the raw water, these indicating that the improvements mentioned in the 1960 report were maintained. However, further improvements to the Cwm Ifor source should still be sought. (3) The local authority's water supply has a lead attack in 24 hours of less than 0.04 parts per 100,000 whilst the emergency supply from the Elan aqueduct has a lead attack in 24 hours of 0.60 parts per 100,000. (4) The bed of Wylcwm brook was concreted where it passes Jackett's pumping station, the object being to avoid contamination of the water in the underground tanks.

(5) <u>Dwelling Houses and Flats</u>		<u>Number</u>	<u>Population</u>
(a)	in the district	556	1800
(b)	supplied from public water mains direct	530	1722
(c)	supplied from public water mains through standpipe	0	0
(d)	supplied privately (agricultural dwellings)	26	78

Sewerage - Washing facilities for the attendant and other workmen were provided at the sewage purification works. The 6" dia. sewer serving Ffrydd Road area was protected with a surround of concrete. Steps were taken to repair erosion of the river bank where it is close to the outfall sewer. An additional sludge bed was constructed. The consultants' scheme for improvements to the sewage works was in preparation.

Livestock Market - Some lighting improvements were carried out.

Knackers' Yard - This was well managed from the public health aspect.

Refuse Removal - The refuse collection service was improved by re-organising collection routes, and this led to a better service to dwellings in the rural parts of the area. Tipping at Garth quarry by private persons necessitated measures being taken to remedy the unsightly conditions.

Sports and Recreation - The Knighton Football Club erected a football stand on the Council's recreation ground, this being the only addition to the facilities described in the 1960 report. There are no public swimming baths in the district.

Demolition and Closing Orders - The sixteen dwellings referred to in the 1960 report were demolished. After serving a 'time-and-place' notice on the owner of one dwelling the Council agreed for the dwelling to be rendered fit. Two closing orders were made.

Housing Improvement Grants - Four grants were made.

Shops - It was not necessary to take any action under the Food Hygiene Regulations and Food Byelaws in connection with the cleanliness of equipment and person, the handling, preparation and display of food, but at one shop sanitary improvements were begun. 116 cans and other small articles of food, including some pork, boneless beef, cod fillets and fishcakes, were condemned and disposed of in the Council's refuse incinerator.

Ice-cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959 - No action necessary.

Meat Inspection - No slaughterhouses. Meat inspection at butchers' shops carried out. Refrigerators properly maintained and used.

Rodent Control - Service unchanged. No statutory notices were required.

Transport - The British Transport Commission made some changes in times of express trains serving the Western Region.

Industrial Development - An application made to the Treasury for the provision of a Government financed factory in Knighton was successful, and the Council agreed to the amount and location of land required. The Council also agreed to find a site for the Mid-Wales Industrial Development Association if the latter could persuade another industrial concern to come into the district. The Radnorshire Co. Ltd completed their developments (meal and grain buildings and plant).

Road Safety - The Council sponsored a Local Road Safety Committee formed from members of the Council and local residents, meetings being held quarterly.

The Council submitted to the Radnorshire County Council draft proposals for the control of street parking which provided for "No Waiting", "Unilateral Parking" and "One-Way Streets".

Street Lighting - The 1960 scheme comprising sixteen Group A lighting points was completed. Certain 'black spots' were also dealt with.

Dangerous Buildings - One building was demolished under Section 58 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

New Dwellings - The construction of ten new Council houses was begun. Four private new dwellings were erected.

Hospital - The Hospital maternity and labour wards were disinfected on two occasions.

Yours obediently,

(Signed)...B.C. DAVIES... B.M., B.Ch., D.R.C.O.G.

Medical Officer of Health.

Refuse Removal - The refuse collection service was improved by re-constituting collection routes, and this led to a better service to dwellings in the rural parts of the area. Tipping at South Quay by private persons was prohibited measures being taken to remedy the unsightly conditions.

Swimming and Recreation - The Brighton Football Club erected a football stand on the Council's recreation ground, this being the only addition to the facilities described in the 1933 report. There are no public swimming baths in the district.

Sanitation and Cleaning Orders - The sixteen dwellings referred to in the 1933 report were demolished. After serving a 'clean-and-glass' notice on the owner of one dwelling the Council agreed for the dwelling to be rendered fit. Two cleaning orders were made.

Sanitation Improvement Grants - Four grants were made.

Grants - It was not necessary to take any action under the Food Hygiene Regulations and Food Hygiene in connection with the cleanliness of shops, meat and poultry, the handling, preparation and display of food, but at one shop sanitary improvements were begun. The cans and other small articles of food, including some pork, poultry, beef, cod fillets and fishbones, were consumed and disposed of in the Council's refuse incinerator.

Ice-cream (Food Hygiene, etc.) Regulations, 1933 - No action necessary.

Food Inspection - No slaughtering. Meat inspection at butcher's shops carried out. Refrigerators properly maintained and used.

Public Health - Services unchanged. No statutory notices were required.

Transport - The British Transport Commission made some changes in times of express trains serving the Western Region.

Industrial Development - An application made to the Treasury for the grant of a Government financed factory in Brighton was successful, and the Council agreed to the amount and location of land required. The Council also agreed to find a site for the Mid-Sussex Industrial Development Association in the latter could purchase another industrial concern to come into the district. The Brighton Co. Ltd completed their development (new and existing buildings and plant).

Local Safety - The Council sponsored a Local Road Safety Committee formed from members of the Council and local residents, meetings being held quarterly. The Council granted to the Brighton Road Council grants for the purchase of new and second hand cars, and "One-way Streets", "No Parking", "No Waiting", "No Left Turn" and "No Right Turn" signs.

Street Lighting - The 1933 scheme comprising sixteen Group A lighting poles was completed. Certain 'black spots' were also dealt with.

Public House Buildings - One building was demolished under Section 28 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

New Buildings - The construction of two new Council houses was begun. Four private new dwellings were erected.

Sanitation - The Hospital maternity and labour wards were detached on an extension.

Yours obediently,

(Signed) S. A. DAVIES, B.Sc., B.Ch., D.R.O.C.O.

Medical Officer of Health.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

This table is enclosed by a request of the Minister of Labour to indicate to Medical Officers of Health the prescribed particulars which are required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act, 1937, to be furnished in their Annual Reports with respect to matters under Parts I and VIII of that Act which are administered by the District Council. This table, which is not intended to supersede the fuller statement which is desirable in the text of the Report, should be attached as an annex to the Report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1960 FOR THE**URBAN DISTRICT OF KNIGHTON* OF IN THE COUNTY OF *RADNOR*

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities/	3	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	23	84	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority/ (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	26	96	-	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

* Metropolitan Borough, County Borough, Borough, Urban District, Rural District.

† To prevent any differences between the lists kept respectively by the Local Authorities and H.M. Inspectors of Factories of the numbers of factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the Factories Act, 1937 are enforced by Local Authorities, it is requested that Local Authorities should compare their lists of factories with the lists kept by H.M. Inspectors of Factories.

‡ 1.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103(1)), Institutions (Section 104) sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 & 108), Slaughterhouses (Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, Section 7) and Railway Running Sheds (Factories Act, 1959, Section 25).

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out- work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.,) Cleaning) and) Washing						
Household linen						
Lace, lace curtains and nets						
Curtains and furniture hangings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and Steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc.						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						
Sacks						
Racquet and tennis balls						

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Contd.)

Outwork
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Paper bags						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc., of buttons etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Cosaques, Christmas stock- ings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL						

Signature
(Signed) B.C. DAVIES .B.M., B.Ch.

Medical Officer
of Health

Date